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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Le H. Luu	2141	

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03/24/05 - 06/22/06.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 03/24/05 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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1. Claims 1-29 are presented for examination.
2. The abstract of the disclosure does not commence on a separate sheet in accordance with 37 CFR 1.52(b)(4). A new abstract of the disclosure is required and must be presented on a separate sheet, apart from any other text.
3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. § 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

or

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior

to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

4. Claims 1-29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Berthonis et al. (Berthonis) Pub. No. 2003/0185163.

5. As to claim 1, Berthonis teaches the invention as claimed, including a method for extending the range of a wireless local area network (WLAN), the WLAN including a base unit connected to a wide area network, the base unit communicating with at least one client unit using a protocol requiring the base unit and the at least one client unit to receive and transmit information on a same frequency chosen from at least two available frequencies, the base unit identifying which of the at least two available frequencies is chosen in a control parameter transmitted in a protocol message associated with the protocol, the method comprising:

transmitting a modified control parameter so that the chosen one of the at least two available frequencies does not correspond to a channel upon which the base unit is operating (pages 3-5; paragraphs [0037 - 0056]),

setting a receive channel associated with the client unit to match the chosen one of the at least two available frequencies in the control parameter transmitted by the base unit, and translating a first information signal transmitted from a first operating channel associated with the base unit and retransmitting the information signal on a second operating channel to the client unit (pages 3-5; paragraphs [0037 - 0056]), and

translating a second information signal transmitted from the second operating channel associated with the client unit and retransmitting the second information signal

on the first operating channel associated with the base unit (pages 3-5; paragraphs [0037 - 0056]).

6. As to claims 2-6, Bertronis teaches modifying the control parameter such that a different one of the at least two available frequencies is identified as chosen; the base unit is connected to a wired wide area network or to a wireless wide area network; the protocol includes one of: 802.11a, 802.11b, 802.11a, 802.11g, Bluetooth, TDS-CDMA, TDD-W-CDMA, 802.16, and 802.20; and the translation is performed on an unscheduled basis (pages 3-5; paragraphs [0037 - 0056]).

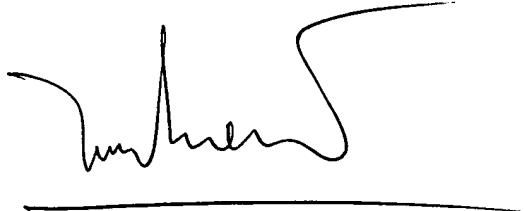
7. Claims 7-29 have similar limitations as claims 1-6; therefore, they are rejected under the same rationale.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Le H. Luu whose telephone number is 571-272-3884. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00am - 4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on 571-272-3880. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER